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(C) Poloff delivered points contained in reftel to MFA NATO Division official Andreas Kintis April 14. In an April 26 follow-up conversation, Kintis said Greece strongly supported the idea of expanding NATO's global partnerships. In particular, he said, the Alliance should look at ways to expand partnerships with security providers like Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. That said, Greece had some concern that the Alliance might get bogged down in technical details if it tried to create a more formal structure like the "NATO Security Providers Forum."